

REMARKS

No claims are being added. Claim 15 is being cancelled without prejudice to filing in a later application. Claims 16 and 17 are being amended. Upon entry of this amendment claims 16-18 and 20-27 will be pending.

Claim 15 is being cancelled only to incorporate its features into directly dependent claim 16.

The amendment to claim 16 is supported by claim 15.

The amendment to claim 17 changes dependency from claim 15 to claim 16.

This amendment is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 governing amendment after final rejection. This amendment is appropriate for entry under Rule 1.116 since it does not raise new issues and places the application in allowable condition and/or places the application in better form for consideration of appeal.

The rejection of claims 15 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Applicant notes that the Examiner has indicated that claims 16, 18 and 20-27 contain patentable subject matter.

Claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice obviating this rejection. Claim 16 has been made independent including all of the features of base claim 15 and remains allowable. Claim 17 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 16. This rejection of claim 17 has been obviated.

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In summary, Applicants have addressed each of the rejections within the present Office Action. It is believed the application now stands in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant(s)' attorney at 860.527.9211 if it is deemed that a telephone conversation will hasten prosecution of this application.

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